

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Day: Wednesday
Date: April 22, 2015
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room

AGENDA

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. LOBBY
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: March 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at the North Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Boose at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Boose, Cathy Ebenschweller, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel and Director Kevin Fougerousse

Absent: Kelly McCarthy (excused)

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Gommel, 2nd by Turay

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Turay, 2nd by Gommel

Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY:

Ron Nenadal: Question in regards to why we do away with baseball / softball mass registration dates. Noticed a decline in the number of participants. Frank Vacha, program supervisor stated we went away from mass registration and opened the program up to online registration. Mr. Vacha stated the numbers were relatively the same from the previous year registration totals. Chairman Boose inquired if numbers in t-ball (5-6) and coach pitch (7-8) has any correlation to the schools enrollment. Mr. Vacha stated that is not the case, the age groups for 5-6 and 7-8 is some of the biggest in the school system.

Ron Nenadal also mentioned that the boosters in 2014 gave up concession operations. Mr. Nenadal stated the boosters had problems with parents not volunteering to oversee the concession stand. Mr. Nenadal apologized for no longer having the ability to run concession operations. Chairman Boose mentioned there is no reason to apologize; we appreciate all the time and effort the North Ridgeville City Baseball-Softball Boosters has contributed over the years.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Councilman Boose mentioned that 2015 budget was approved.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: No report

FINANCIAL REPORT: Through February of 2015 the Improvement Fund has brought in \$2, 7075.83. So far in 2015 the Improvement Fund has brought in 5,807.56.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Enclosed in the packet is February revenue and expense reports for the Trust, General, and Improvement Fund. Water First for Thirst Campaign, the parks and recreation department is working with Lorain County General Health District on this grant. The purpose is to promote water first instead of purchasing pop, sports drinks, etc. Does not mean we are getting rid of these products we are just adding amenities to the concession stand. We also will be working with City Hall, Service Garage and French Creek in regards to offering healthier vending options to our employees. We will not be getting rid of everything from the vending machines; we are just trying to offer healthier options.

The Department of Parks and Recreation 2015 fiscal year budget was approved as Chairman Boose mentioned. We were approved for new personnel. We received approval for the following capital projects: Replacing gutters in SCP, security lighting on pavilion 5, safetyville floor replacement, resurfacing SCP parking lot, and a new aerator. Postponement of capital projects were the tennis courts, outdoor fitness equipment (grant 1422 will be funding the equipment, we will be responsible for the asphalt around the project). Also as part of Grant 1422 we will be purchasing roughly 40 bike racks.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Baseball – Softball Program we have about 460 kids enrolled. Numbers are down 118 kids from 2014. Reached out to other organizations (Hot Stove, Other Communities) in regards to overall numbers. The decline in numbers are a national trend not a North Ridgeville trend. Girls softball numbers are comparable to 2014. Our 2nd Annual Zumbathon will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. at the North Ridgeville Education Center. Proceeds from the event are being raised for Andrew Ody, son of North Ridgeville Police Officer Chris Ody. Tots t-ball is a 5 week instructional program for 3-4 year olds, parents are heavily involved. Jump Start Sports Hoops Stars and Little Hoop Stars will be running April 15 – May 20 at North Ridgeville High School. Working with Jump Start Sports we are offering Lacrosse this spring.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: P & R Director Fougousse reported on behalf of Gary Teel. Frontier Park the bridge roof was removed. They also replaced the drop ceiling in the concession stand at Frontier Park. At South Central Park grounds maintenance put out brand new dog waste stations. They also installed new tables and waste receptacles. The trail held up great after the harsh winter. Chairman Boose inquired about Shady Drive, and the park held up.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The chair recommended a motion to accept the following capital projects and funding come from the parks and recreation improvement fund. The following capital projects being recommended for approval is Upgrade existing parking lot at SCP and new aerator for SCP fishing lake and contingency.

Motion by Boose and 2nd by Gommel
Yes – 4 / No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM